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PRESS RELEASE

Rick Thompson, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah returned an indictment on April 3, 2003 charging RICHARD LOUIS WEISENBERGER, age 49, of Albuquerque, New Mexico with coercion and enticement and interstate travelling with intent to engage in sexual act with a juvenile. These acts are in violation of 18 U.S.C. Sections 2422(b) and 2423(b). Mr. WEISENBERGER was arrested on Saturday, April 5, 2003, by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Rincon, Georgia. Mr. WEISENBERGER had his initial appearance in Savannah before Magistrate Judge G.R. Smith and he is currently detained awaiting the detention hearing which has been set for Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in Savannah.

Thompson stressed that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a trial, in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Special Agent James Hendricks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated this case with the assistance of the Rincon Police Department. AUSA Joseph Newman is representing the government.

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